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SUBJECT: GKR CHARGE IN CANBERRA GRANTED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA

1. THEAM BUN SRUN, GKR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN CANBERRA SINCE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR CHHUT CHHOEUR IN SEPT, 1974, HAS BEEN GRANTED TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA, ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN PRESS APR 11. GKR EMBASSY CONFIRMED ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF REPORTS TO EMBOFF. THEAM HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF EMBASSY MORNING OF APR 11, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT WITH HIM. GKR EMBASSY IS STILL OPEN, THOUGH IT HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY PARALYZED FOR LAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND HAS DONE LITTLE OR NOTHING SINCE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR ON TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AS GKR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT UNITED NATIONS.

2. EMBOFF WAS PRESENT AT LUNCHEON MEETING APRIL 10 WITH OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO VISITED PHNOM PENH AND SAIGON RECENTLY (SEPT). PARLIAMENTARIANS DESCRIBED PROSPECTS FOR CAMBODIA AS HOPELESS, AND THEAM SEEMED CLOSE TO TEARS AT SEVERAL POINTS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH GKR AND VIETNAMESE EMBASSIES IN CANBERRA FOR LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

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ERAL YEARS. THEAM AND OTHER CAMBODIANS AT GKR EMBASSY AND

GVN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE IMPRESSED US AS DEDICATED, CAP-
ABLE DIPLOMATS WHO WANTED TO DO WHATEVER WAS POSSIBLE TO
ASSIST THEIR COUNTRIES IN THIS LONG AND APPALLING TRAGEDY.
THEAM HAS REACHED POINT WHERE HE OBVIOUSLY FELT THERE WAS
NOTHING FURTHER HE COULD DO, AND HE HAS SOUGHT TO PROTECT
OPTIONS FOR HIS FAMILY. WE ANTICIPATE SIMILAR ACTION
BY OTHER CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS IN CANBERRA IN
COMING WEEKS.
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